

### Guidance

The guidances that can be used in evaluating the alternatives presented in the FS in terms of protectiveness to human health and the environment are:

1. Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS), Volume 1, Human Health Evaluation Manual (EPA/540/1-89/002, December 1989)
2. Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS), Volume 2, Environmental Evaluation Manual (EPA/540/1-89/001, March 1989)
3. The Superfund Exposure Assessment Manual (EPA/540/1-88/001, April, 1988)
4. The Exposure Factors Handbook (EPA/600/8-89/043, March 1989)
5. The Endangerment Assessment Handbook (August 1985).

Additional guidance may also be available which addresses specific issues for the NL Industries site.

### Toxicological Information

The toxicity of the hazardous chemicals present at the site will be assessed. The toxic endpoint(s) and potency of each hazardous waste/substance at the site should be determined using the following hierarchy of resources:

1. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
2. EPA's Quarterly Updated Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables (HEAST)
3. Consultation with EPA Region II risk assessment personnel.